

PRO500-b: Seek Avoidance & Minimization Opportunities

See also: [Environmental Manual – Chapter 500](#)

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Start procedure: Environmental Coordinator coordinates with the Design Team to seek options to avoid and minimize project impacts to sensitive resources.

End procedure: Environmental Coordinator documents avoidance and minimization measures in permit application, if required.

Actor:	Action:
Environmental Coordinator	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Coordinates with the Design Team to seek options to avoid and minimize project impacts to sensitive resources.2. Explore options to use General Permits that could avoid obtaining an individual permit.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instead of obtaining an individual Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, see if a Nationwide Permit is appropriate.• Look at the list of General Hydraulic Project Approvals to see if any would work for your project.3. Initiates early coordination with resource agencies to seek permit streamlining options.
Design Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Studies preliminary plan sheets to determine if the design can be feasibly adjusted to avoid or minimize project impacts to sensitive resources.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtains approval from HQ Project Development office if design deviations are necessary. See Design Manual Chapter 300.5. Changes project design if an option is approved.6. Incorporates changes into plan sheets and Design Decision Package.
Environmental Coordinator	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Changes permit section in Environmental Review Summary, if necessary.

	8. Documents avoidance and minimization measures in permit application, if required.
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